



Robert Greene Sterne Jorge A. Goldstein David K.S., Cornwell Robert W. Esmond Tracy-Gene G. Durkin Michael B. Ray Robert E. Sokohl Eric K. Steffe Michael Q. Lee Steven R. Ludwig John M. Covert Linda E. Horner Robert C. Millonig Donald J. Featherstone Timothy J. Shea, Jr Michael V. Messinger Judith U. Kim

Patrick E. Garrett
Jeffrey T. Helvey
Eldora L. Ellison
Thomas C. Fiala
Donald R. Banowit
Peter A. Jackman
Jeffrey S. Weaver
Brian J. Del Buono
Edward W. Yee
Vincent L. Capuano
Virgil Lee Beaston
Theodore A. Wood
Elizabeth J. Haanes
Joseph S. Ostroff
Frank R. Cottingham
Daniel A. Klein
Jason D. Eisenberg
Michael D. Specht

August 14, 2006

Tracy L. Muller Jon E. Wright LuAnne M. DeSantis Ann E. Summerfield Helene C. Carlson Cynthia M. Bouchez Timothy A. Doyle Gaby L. Longsworth Lori A. Gordon Laura A. Vogel Bryan S. Wade Bashir M.S. Ali Shannon A. Carroll Matthew E. Kelley Anthelie K. Holoubek Marsha A. Rose Young Tang Christopher J. Walsh W. Blake Coblentz* James J. Pohl* John T. Haran Mark W. Rygiel Kevin W. McCabe

Registered Patent Agents • Karen R. Markowicz Matthew J. Dowd Katrina Vujian Pei Quach Bryan L. Skelton Robert A. Schwartzman Victoria S. Rutherford Simon J. Elliott Julie A. Heider Mita Mukheriee Scott M. Woodhouse Lillana Di Nola-Baron Peter A. Socarras Jeffrey K. Mills Danielle L. Letting Lori Brandes Steven C. Oppenheimer

Of Counsel Edward J. Kessler Kenneth C. Bass III Maryin C. Guthrie

*Admitted only in Maryland *Admitted only in Virginia •Practice Limited to Federal Agencies

WRITER'S DIRECT NUMBER: (202) 772-8679 INTERNET ADDRESS: TSHEA@SKGF.COM

Art Unit 1646

An Onu 1040

Attn: Mail Stop Amendment

Commissioner for Patents PO Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Re:

U.S. Utility Patent Application

Application No. 10/782,002; Filed: February 20, 2004

For: Novel Cellulases, The Genes Encoding Them and Uses Thereof

Inventors:

Miettinen-Oinonen et al.

Our Ref:

1716.051000A/TJS/LDB

Sir:

Transmitted herewith for appropriate action are the following documents:

- 1. Amendment and Reply Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.111 with Exhibits A, B, C, and D attached;
- 2. Petition for Extension of Time Under 37 C.F.R. 1.136(a);
- 3. Credit Card Payment Form (PTO-2038) in the amount of \$120.00 to cover Extension of Time fee; and
- 4. Return postcard.

It is respectfully requested that the attached postcard be stamped with the date of filing of these documents, and that it be returned to our courier. In the event that extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this patent application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned.

Commissioner for Patents August 14, 2006 Page 2

The U.S. Patent and Trademark Office is hereby authorized to charge any fee deficiency, or credit any overpayment, to our Deposit Account No. 19-0036.

Respectfully submitted,

STERNE, KESSLER, GOLDSTEIN & FOX P.L.L.C.

In T

Wisheh A. Cinhar Reg No. 33851
Timothy J. Shea, Jr.

Attorney for Applicants Registration No. 41,306

TJS/LDB:krc Enclosures

570067_1.DOC

Sterne, Kessler, Goldstein & Fox PLLC. : 1100 New York Avenue, NW: Washington, DC 20005: 202.371.2600 f 202.371.2540: www.skgf.com